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1. advised me that he in turn had been told by John Steeves in State that the President will not visit Southeast Asia during his trip to Japan. said he made it clear to Steeves that, should the President at some later date be persuaded to make this visit, Thailand should not be left out of the itinerary.

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also reported that he had learned in "the strictest secrecy" that during the President's stay in Japan he plans to pay a 24-hour visit to Seoul. He said he could not learn who specifically recommended this but was led to believe it came from "the Legislative and not the Executive".

Executive Officer

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